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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE 116

ALCOHOL POLICY

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REFERENCES:

- A. ISAF HQ Alcohol Directive 4013/ISAF HQ/COS, 11 Nov 2006
- B. COMKAF Tenants Charter
- C. COMAKF SOP 105 Organizing Events on KAF

APPLICABILITY

1. In accordance with reference A, the ISAF theatre policy concerning the consumption of alcohol, this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is applicable to all personnel on Kandahar Airfield (KAF), other than local contractors, in support of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan (ISAF) mission.

PURPOSE

2. The purpose of this SOP is to promulgate the Commander Kandahar Airfield (COMKAF) policy and procedures pertaining to the possession and consumption of alcohol by personnel on KAF.

BACKGROUND

3. Afghanistan is a Muslim country and the import, sale, and consumption of alcohol is strictly forbidden. In accordance with reference A, ISAF is exempt from this ban; however in order to respect the laws of the host nation, every measure must be taken to ensure that alcohol imported into Afghanistan is solely and strictly for consumption by ISAF personnel.

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4. The operational demands placed on all elements of KAF and the potential threat faced by serving soldiers require a high level of operational readiness and force protection. All elements on KAF may be called upon to react quickly to changes in the tactical situation. In addition, the explosive hazard threat remains high, driving and traffic conditions are not ideal, and the inherent risks associated with handling weapons, ammunition and heavy equipment are higher than normal. Moreover, alcohol consumption may be offensive to the local Afghan population because of their strict customs and traditions and as such, these factors necessitate a restrictive alcohol consumption policy.

5. Consequently, in accordance with references A and C, the personal possession, storage or consumption of alcohol at KAF is wholly prohibited. However, in exceptional circumstances, controlled possession of and consumption of alcohol (restricted to beer and wine) may be permitted on a case by case basis. Spirits shall be strictly prohibited. In all such matters, prior authority shall be sought from COMKAF through an explicit request (Annex A) by the respective senior national commander or Chief Operating Officer (COO) (or similar designation) from a contracting agency at KAF. The importation of alcohol into KAF shall be solely governed by reference B and shall not be imported for the express intention for resale operations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

6. All personnel are to be aware that they are to be available and operationally ready at any time. Effective application of the policy depends upon rigorous enforcement by the military and contractor chain of command, leadership by example and "zero - tolerance" of infractions.

7. All COMKAF tenants, military, civilian, contractors, and their visitors shall not undertake any activities that could jeopardise or compromise the conduct of NATO or coalition military operations. COMKAF reserves the right to remove any person or persons whose behaviour or conduct is prejudicial to good order and discipline of personnel at KAF.

8. All personnel, throughout the chain of command, shall be held accountable for infractions of established policies. Violation of any provision of this policy is considered an offence. Respective Formation/Unit Commanders/Branch Chiefs and National Contingent Commanders/Senior National Representatives and COOs are expected to take swift and appropriate action in the event of an offence.

GUIDELINES AND AUTHORITY PROVISIONS

9. Alcohol is only to be consumed in restricted quantities such that all personnel are not impaired from fulfilling their obligations as a tenant of KAF. Where national or contractor policies apply to further restrict alcohol consumption, such policies shall take precedence over this SOP. However, consumption of alcohol shall not exceed the limits nor violate the rules outlined in this SOP.

10. In accordance with the aforementioned references, when the consumption of alcohol is authorized, there shall be a "two drink" restriction. In other words, two cans of beer - not to exceed a total of 710ml or two glasses of wine - not to exceed a total of 375 mls will be authorized for each individual. Individual entitlements are for the express consumption of

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that person and shall not be transferred, traded, gifted or accrued to another. Under no circumstances is alcohol to be shared with, given, sold, or consumed in the presence of local nationals. Transferring, trading or gifting of assigned alcohol ration is considered a violation of this policy. No individual shall consume more than two (2) alcoholic drinks per month and these drinks shall not be split between two functions.

11. Alcohol consumption shall be restricted to avoid impairment of the performance of duties and to take necessary force protection measures. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed to a point where the person becomes intoxicated and unfit for duty or behaves in a disorderly or discreditable manner. Any inappropriate actions are to be dealt with in accordance with paragraph 8.

12. Personnel shall not consume alcohol on duty or 8 hours prior to performance of duties. Alcohol consumption prior to or while operating a vehicle will result in loss of privilege to drive a vehicle and referral to the individual's National Contingent Commander/Senior National Representative or applicable COO for further administrative and or disciplinary action.

13. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed in common areas accessible by the general population of KAF.

14. Alcohol shall not be consumed in any fleet vehicle, whether NATO, National, Contractor, or privately funded/owned.

15. Alcohol is prohibited from being served at meetings with the local population or with local workers in order to maintain respect for their religion and to provide a positive image.

16. While it is understood that some nations have customary drinks during meal times, it is the responsibility of the respective commanders or senior contractor authority to monitor alcohol consumption and take appropriate action upon misuse of this privilege. If a commander or COO authority decides to allow alcohol consumption during meals, he must make sure it is kept within the permitted usage as outlined above.

17. National Representatives/Organizers of the event are responsible for ensuring that this policy is not abused and to implement appropriate control measures to ensure compliance with policy.

18. Coalition Force Chaplains are authorized to carry, issue and store alcohol in the form of sacramental wine in the Kandahar Airfield Chapel or areas designated for religious activities. This SOP does not preclude the modest consumption of sacramental wine during authorized religious observances.

19. The KAF International Military Police (IMP) or other KAF MP are empowered to breathalyse any person they have reason to believe to be under influence of alcohol. COMKAF will immediately suspend driving privileges pending resolution of an intoxicated driving incident and will consider revocation of a driver's privileges.

20. Individual possession or bulk storage of alcohol is prohibited. NSEs may request COMKAF authority to store limited amounts of beer and wine stocks should they so desire. Storage of beer and wine in contractor facilities shall not exceed the amount required to hold an event within the ensuing 30 days. Managers appointed by NSEs or contractor Chief Operating Officers (or similar designations) shall retain positive control of stock at all times and be subject to periodic inspection by KAF IMP.

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PROCEDURES

21. The request for the consumption of alcohol for a specific event shall be submitted to Commander Kandahar Air Field Headquarters (COMKAF HQ), Deputy Commander Support (DCOM SPT), using the form at Annex A no later than 30 days prior to the event. Only one event, per 30-day period, will be considered and only for significant National events (National day, Christmas, New Year, etc). In addition requestors shall review the content of reference D and comply accordingly if applicable.

22. Personnel wishing to import alcohol into Afghanistan must do so pursuant to reference B. Personnel requesting permission to carry alcohol from within Afghanistan to KAF shall make application to COMKAF HQ DCOM Spt using the form at Annex B with a minimum of 14 days prior notice to the event.



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ANNEXES:

- A. Request for Alcohol Consumption.
- B. Request for Permission to Carry Alcohol from within Afghanistan into Kandahar Airfield.

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**ANNEX A TO
SOP 116
DATED: 01 JAN 13**

REQUEST FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Nation, unit or sub-unit/ Contractor name	
Nature of National Event	
Date of Activity	
Location	
Start time of the activity	
End time of the activity	
Exact number of personnel attending (supported by a numbered, on-site nominal roll subject to validation by IMP)	
Name, rank/designation, signature and contact number of Organizer of Event	
Name and rank/designation of individual who is responsible for the control and issue of the alcoholic beverages	
Signature acknowledges understanding that maximum individual consumption is 2 cans of beer (NTE 710 ml) or two glasses of wine (NTE 375 ml) per event and certifies this is the only event within a 30-day period.	(Signature of organizer)
Control and distribution method	
Type of alcohol to be consumed	Beer / Wine (circle one)
Source/point of entry of Alcohol into GIRoA	
"I certify compliance with this SOP"	[Unit CO signature (or equivalent)]
COMKAF CJ1 recommends approval / disapproval	
DCOM SPT approves / disapproves	

Distribution List (upon decision of DCOM SPT)
COMKAF HQ DCOM SPT
COMKAF HQ DCOM FP
COMKAF HQ CJ1
OPI
Organization/Unit CO/COO
COMKAF Registry (for PA)

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ANNEX B TO
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PERMISSION TO CARRY ALCOHOL FROM WITHIN AFGHANISTAN INTO KANDAHAR AIRFIELD

It is requested that (name) _____ carrying this letter be authorised to carry alcohol from within Afghanistan into Kandahar Airfield between the following dates (not to exceed 7 days) _____ and _____.

S/he is authorised to carry the following amounts of beer and wine only: (Example: 24 litres of wine or 48 cans of beer) _____

Place where the quantity of alcohol will be stored until the event: (Example: Cato Hangar)

Person who will be responsible of storing alcohol: _____

ALCOHOL AUTHORISED TO CARRY TO BE LISTED

I certify that the alcohol to be carried has entered GIRoA under the Terms of Reference.

Signature: _____ Name: _____ Rank: _____

(Signature of NSE official/contractor Chief Operating Officer [or similar designation])

Approve / Reject

Signature: _____ Name: _____ Rank: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of DCOM SPT, COMKAF HQ)

Distribution List (upon decision of DCOM SPT)

COMKAF HQ DCOM SPT
COMKAF HQ FP Security Officer
SNCO I/C ATSy
IMP Office
COMKAF Registry (for PA)